

Full Public Notice For Reappointment Of An Incumbent Magistrate Judge

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Dennis L. Howell at Asheville, North Carolina is due to expire on October 4, 2012 . The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new eight -year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge in this court include the following: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district judge; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court and should be directed to MJComments@ncwd.uscourts.gov.

Comments must be received by May 1, 2012.